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COLLECTORATE
KAVARATTI – 682555.

F.No.A-14/47/2021-COL

Dated: 16.04.2024

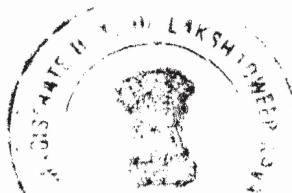
ORDER
(U/S 144 Cr.P.C)

WHEREAS, the Election Commission of India has announced on 16th March 2024 the schedule for the General Election to Lok Sabha with the voting for Lakshadweep Parliamentary Constituency scheduled on 19/04/2024;

AND WHEREAS, Election Commission of India has issued various instructions and Standard Operating Procedures for last 48 hours before close of poll for smooth conduct of elections in fair, transparent and peaceful manner;

AND WHEREAS, Section 126 of Representation of People Act 1951 prohibits public meeting during period of forty-eight hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of poll;

AND WHEREAS, canvassing in or near polling stations on the date of poll are prohibited as per provisions of Representation of People Act 1951.



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NOW THEREFORE, in the interest of preserving the fairness of the election process and for the maintenance of public order and tranquility, I, **Arjun Mohan, IAS, District Magistrate**, Lakshadweep District, in exercise of powers conferred upon me under section 144 of CrPC, do hereby order that from **6:30 PM of 17.04.2024 onwards till the close of poll in the entire UT of Lakshadweep:**

1. There shall be a **prohibition** of Public Meeting or procession in connection with election. However, this shall not be applicable to house-to-house visits during 48 hours in connection with door-to-door campaigning
2. No Loudspeaker shall be permitted to be used for the purpose of elections.
3. No election matter shall be displayed to the public by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus including bulk sms/voice messages etc.
4. No election matter shall be propagated to the public by holding, or by arranging the holding of, any musical concert or any theatrical performance or any other entertainment or amusement with a view to attracting the members of the public thereto,

It is further ordered that **on the date of Poll ie; on 19th April 2024, within a perimeter of 100 metres (one hundred metres) of all the polling station in the UT of Lakshadweep:**

1. No person shall canvas for votes or solicit the vote of any elector; or persuade any elector not to vote for any particular candidate or exhibit any notice or sign (other than an official notice) relating to the election
2. No person shall use loudspeaker or any apparatus for amplifying or reproducing the human voice or shout, or otherwise act in a disorderly manner so as to cause annoyance to any person visiting the polling station for the poll, or so as to interfere with the work of the officers and other persons on duty at the polling station.



3. No person other than the security personnel drafted for election duties shall carry arms, lathis, other weapons etc.
4. No person other than Observers appointed by the Commission and authorized election/police officials shall be allowed to either carry or use mobile phones, wireless sets, etc.
5. No campaign related posters or banners or flags etc shall be displayed.

It is further ordered that:

1. There shall be a ban on unlawful assembly as per Section 141 of IPC from 6:30 PM on 17th April 2024 till 6:30 PM on 20th April 2024.
2. No vehicle other than that authorised by Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer shall be permitted to enter within a perimeter of 200m (two hundred metre) from the polling station on the day of Poll i.e; 19th April 2024.
3. No electioneering shall be allowed within the 200-meter area around the Polling Stations on the date of poll.
4. No Election Booth shall be set up within a radius of 200 meters from the Polling Station.

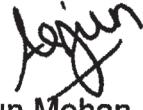
Any violation of this order is punishable by legal action under Section 188 of IPC and other relevant provisions of law.

The emergent nature of case and circumstances do not permit serving of notice to the concerned in due time and hence this order is passed ex-parte under section 144(2) of CrPC 1973.

The Superintendent of Police, Lakshadweep and all the Executive Magistrates within their jurisdiction are directed to implement this order in letter and spirit.

Given under hand and seal of this office on 16th day of April' 2024.




 (Arjun Mohan, IAS)
 District Magistrate
 Union Territory of Lakshadweep